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AT  
PATENT  
1131-0461P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: MASHINO, Shigemi et al. Conf.: 8580  
Appl. No.: 10/005,075 Group: 1731  
Filed: December 7, 2001 Examiner: Dionne A. Walls  
For: SHREDDED TOBACCO SUPPLY APPARATUS OF CIGARETTE MANUFACTURING MACHINE

LARGE ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM  
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 5, 2003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL	7	-	20	=	0	\$ 18	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$290	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

Petition for ( ) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$0.00 for the extension of time.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Responsive to the August 5, 2003 Final Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks.

